



This report, updated monthly, is designed to provide you with a summary of active NHTSA Defect Investigations. The investigations listed below are grouped according to type of investigation ([Preliminary Evaluation](#), [Engineering Analysis](#), [Recall Query](#), and [Defect/Recall Petition](#)) and identify the products under investigation, the alleged problem, and the investigation status. For up-to-date details on specific investigations, you can enter its Action # in the Quick Search box at: <http://www-odi.nhtsa.dot.gov/cars/problems/defect/defectsearch.cfm>

If you're having any safety problem with your vehicle, whether or not identified on the list below, please [Contact Us](#) today!

## September 2012

<b>MONTHLY DEFECT INVESTIGATION REPORT ENGINEERING ANALYSIS</b>				
<b>Action#</b>	<b>MMY</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Date Opened</b>	<b>Date Closed</b>
EA09-013	MY 2002 - 2005 FORD EXPLORER / MERCURY MOUNTAINEER	VEHICLE ROLLAWAY ALLEGATIONS	18-AUG-2009	
EA11-001	1999-2003 GM C/K pickup trucks and SUVs in Salt Belt states	Brake line corrosion failure	05-JAN-2011	
EA11-003	2009-2010 Volkswagen/Audi JETTA/Golf/A3 TDI Clean Diesel	High-Pressure Fuel Pump Failure (HPFP)	07-FEB-2011	
EA11-004	2006 Honda CR-V	Driver's Master Power Window Switch	11-APR-2011	
EA11-005	2004-2005 Mini Cooper	Loss of Power Steering Assist	04-MAY-2011	
EA11-008	2006-2008 Pierce Contender EV	Engine RPM's surging during pumping mode	27-JUN-2011	
EA11-010	Model Year (MY) 2005 Chrysler Minivans	Loss of Headlight Illumination	06-SEP-2011	
EA11-011	2007 Sterling L-liner	Haldex Spring Brake Failures	09-SEP-2011	
EA11-012	Model Year 2002 through 2004 Honda CR-V	Low Beam Headlights Stop Illuminating	12-SEP-2011	17-SEP-2012
EA11-014	2004-07 Saturn ION	Electric Power Steering Failure	29-SEP-2011	
EA11-015	MY 2007-2008 Saturn Aura	Transmission Cable Failure	10-NOV-2011	
EA12-001	2002-2003 Jeep Liberty	Inadvertent Air Bag Deployment	23-JAN-2012	
EA12-002	MY 2002 through MY 2008 BMW 7-Series	Vehicle Rollaway	10-APR-2012	
EA12-003	2004 Ford Freestar/Mercury Monterey (in salt belt states)	Corrosion of Third-Row Seat Attachment	23-APR-2012	
EA12-004	MY 2006-2007 Chevrolet Trailblazer	Driver's Master Power Window Switch	11-JUN-2012	
EA12-005	93-04 Grand Cherokee, 93-01 Cherokee & 02-07 Liberty	Crash Related Fuel Tank Fires	12-JUN-2012	
EA12-006	Certain 2007-2009 Toyota Models built from 9/2006 to 8/2008	Power Window Master Switch Fire	14-JUN-2012	
EA12-007	1992-2012 MCI D & E Series Buses with Steerable Tag Axle	MCI Driveshaft Safety Loop Failures	13-SEP-2012	
EA12-008	2012 Hyundai Elantra	Side Curtain Air Bag Improper Deployment	13-SEP-2012	

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PRELIMINARY EVALUATIONS**

<b>Action#</b>	<b>MMY</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Date Opened</b>	<b>Date Closed</b>
PE10-019	2010 Ford Fusion and Mercury Milan	Accelerator pedal entrapment.	28-MAY-2010	
PE10-048	2006 Model Year Winnebago Itasca	Hitch Fracture	07-DEC-2010	
PE11-018	MY 2005 through 2007 Ford Freestyle	Throttle Control Malfunction	11-MAY-2011	
PE11-033	MY 2004-2005 Ford Freestar & Mercury Monterey	Service Jack Failure	13-SEP-2011	
PE11-041	2011 Medtec R152 Type 1 Ambulance	Collapse of Squad Seat Base	20-JAN-2012	
PE12-001	2003-2006 E55 AMG Sedan and Wagon	Fuel System (Tank/Sender) Leakage	23-JAN-2012	
PE12-005	MY 2005 and 2006 Ford Taurus	Stuck throttle	07-MAR-2012	
PE12-007	1992-2012 MCI D Series Buses with Steerable Tag Axle	MCI Driveshaft Safety Loop Failures	21-MAR-2012	20-SEP-2012
PE12-008	2007 - 2010 International 3200 IM buses	Engine compartment fires	22-MAR-2012	
PE12-011	MY 2008 International CE School Bus	High Pressure Oil Line Rupture	16-APR-2012	
PE12-012	2012 Hyundai Elantra	Side Curtain Air Bag Improper Deployment	10-MAY-2012	17-SEP-2012
PE12-013	MY 2006 through 2011 Toyota RAV4	Rear Suspension Arm Assembly Failure	04-JUN-2012	13-SEP-2012
PE12-014	2011 Kaufman Flatbed Trailers	Wheel end failures	14-JUN-2012	
PE12-015	2005 Ricon "Mirage" Wheelchair lifts	Wheelchair lift roll stop failure	14-JUN-2012	
PE12-016	2011 Chrysler 200	Engine stall	18-JUN-2012	
PE12-017	2011 Ford Explorer	Loss of electric power assisted steering	19-JUN-2012	
PE12-018	2009-2012 Freightliner, Sterling and Western Star Trucks	Air Brake Reservoir Bracket Fracture	25-JUN-2012	20-SEP-2012
PE12-019	MY 2001 - 2004 Ford Escape and Mazda Tribute with V6 Engines	Stuck Throttle	17-JUL-2012	
PE12-020	MY 2012 Jeep Grand Cherokee	Power steering hose failure	19-JUL-2012	
PE12-021	2009-2010 Dodge Ram 1500	Rear differential failure	19-JUL-2012	
PE12-022	2013 Nissan Infiniti JX35	Collision Mitigation System Malfunction	26-JUL-2012	
PE12-023	2012 Nissan Versa	SRS Warning Light Illumination	15-AUG-2012	
PE12-024	Automotive Innovations Electronic Gas/Brake	Aux. Brake Failure - Adaptive Equipment	17-AUG-2012	13-SEP-2012
PE12-025	MY 2005 - 2008 Ford Crown Victoria Police Interceptor Models	Loss of Steering Control	14-SEP-2012	

**MONTHLY DEFECT INVESTIGATION REPORT  
RECALL QUERY**

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<b>MONTHLY DEFECT INVESTIGATION REPORT PETITIONS</b>				
<b>Action#</b>	<b>MMY</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Date Opened</b>	<b>Date Closed</b>
DP09-006	2005 - 07 MODEL YEAR BLUE BIRD WANDERLODGE M450 MOTOR HOME	ALLEGED INADEQUATE CAMPAIGN REMEDY	30-NOV-2009	
DP12-001	1998-2009 K1200LT	M/C final drive ball bearing failure	20-JAN-2012	
DP12-002	2005 Honda Pilot	Vehicle Stability Assist Malfunction	04-JUN-2012	
DP12-003	2007-2009 Saturn Outlook and GMC Acadia	Loss of Headlamp Illumination	04-JUN-2012	
DP12-004	MY 2005-2010 Nissan Frontier/Xterra/Frontier	Transmission Failure (ATF contamination)	11-JUN-2012	

## PRELIMINARY EVALUATION (PE)

Initial phase of a NHTSA investigation, a PE is prompted after a review of consumer complaints and/or manufacturer service bulletins suggest a safety defect may exist. The results of a PE determine whether the investigation will be upgraded to an Engineering Analysis or closed. Most PEs are resolved within four months.

## ENGINEERING ANALYSIS (EA)

Second and final phase of a NHTSA investigation, an EA is undertaken if data from a PE indicate further examination of a potential safety defect is warranted. The results of an EA determine whether a safety recall should be initiated or the investigation should be closed. Most EAs are resolved within one year.

## RECALL QUERY (RQ)

NHTSA monitors recalls to ensure that the scope, completion rate, and remedy are adequate. If recall adequacy comes into question, an RQ is opened to determine if the scope of the recall should be expanded or an adjustment in existing remedies is required.

## DEFECT OR RECALL PETITION (DP OR RP)

NHTSA may be petitioned to investigate an alleged safety defect or whether a manufacturer has successfully carried out the requirements of a recall. If the petition is granted, NHTSA opens an appropriate investigation. If the petition is denied, the reasons for denial are published in the Federal Register.

**If you have a safety concern or want to learn more...**

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- [www.safercar.gov](http://www.safercar.gov)

### CALL:

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**FAX:**

- 202-493-2833 (Download complaint form , fill out and fax).

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